

CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 18-20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, claim 11 is amended. A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

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1. (original) A flat mail sleeve packaging system adapted to stack product with bound edges in a constrained homogenous mass, comprising:

a first constraining wall having a first constraining surface; and

a second constraining wall having a second constraining surface, the second constraining wall being positioned with respect to the first constraining wall at a substantially perpendicular angle thereto,

wherein the first and second constraining walls are adapted for having the product placed therebetween with the bound edges of the product all facing in a same direction without collapsing.

2. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, further comprising a first binding member extending between a length of one of the first and second constraining walls.

3. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 2, further comprising a second binding member, substantially perpendicular to the first binding member, used to provide additional stability to a stack of the product.

4. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, wherein the first and second constraining walls form a corner therebetween which is adapted to conform to a corner of the product.

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5. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, wherein a width of the first and second constraining walls is at least equal to a bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

6. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, further comprising a third constraining wall positioned parallel to the first constraining wall and forming a corner with the second constraining wall.

7. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 6, wherein the second constraining wall is a central constraining wall and the first, second and third constraining walls form a "U" shape.

8. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 7, further comprising a binding member extending along a length of the central constraining wall.

9. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 7, wherein the first, second and third constraining walls each have a width at least equal to a bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

10. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 7, further comprising an endcap extending from an end one of the first constraining wall, second constraining wall and the third constraining wall.

11. (currently amended) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 10, further comprising an endcap extending from an of end one of the first constraining wall and second constraining wall.

A 12. (original) A flat mail sleeve packaging system adapted to stack product with bound and non bound edges in a constrained homogenous mass, comprising:

- a first constraining wall having a first constraining surface, a length and a width;
- a second constraining wall having a second constraining surface, a length and a width, the second constraining wall being positioned with respect to the first constraining wall at a substantially perpendicular angle thereto to form a corner therebetween which is adapted to conform to a corner of the product; and
- a first binding member extending between the length of one of the first and second constraining walls, wherein
 - each width of the first and second constraining walls is at least equal to the bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon,
 - the first and second constraining walls are adapted for having the product placed therebetween with the bound edges of the product all facing in a same direction.

13. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 12, further comprising a second binding member, substantially perpendicular to the first binding member, used to provide additional stability to a stack of the product.

14. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 12, wherein the width of the first and second constraining walls is larger than the bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

15. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 12, further comprising a third constraining wall positioned parallel to the first constraining wall and forming a corner with the second constraining wall to thereby form a substantially "U" shape which is capable of accommodating the product therebetween.

A 16. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 14, wherein the first binding member extends along the length of the second constraining wall.

17. (original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 15, wherein the third constraining wall has a width at last equal to the bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

18-20. (presently canceled)
